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To: Federal Communications Commission

From: William Ripley, KY5Q
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Re: Comment on RM-11759 – Opening 3.500 MHz to 3.650 MHz to RTTY and Data Communication

I strongly oppose the notion of opening the 3.500 MHz to 3.650 MHz band to allow digital and data communications on the entire segment. Morse code (AKA CW or A1) is a favorite operating mode of many (and a growing number) of amateur radio enthusiasts. I request that at least the bottom 50 KHz (3.500 MHz to 3.550 MHz) be excluded from this plan and preserved as a CW only segment.

CW is a key mode that makes low power, battery powered, and emergency communications possible. Having this band segment taken over by high duty cycle, high power RTTY enthusiasts will render this segment unusable for those of us that appreciate running low power stations, or those that are practicing for the day that we'll need to use low power emergency communications.

Best Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Ripley', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Bill Ripley, KY5Q